Pokémon
Mystery Dungeon
THE ROGUE TEAM
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CHAPTER 1
A RUDE AWAKENING
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THE RESILIENCE OF A POKEMON'S BODY...
THE TENACITY OF A HUMAN SOUL...
ON THEIR OWN, EACH HAVE INDIVIDUAL STRENGTHS.
WHEN THEY ARE COMBINED, HOWEVER...

THEY BECOME A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH.
Ouch!!
Ack... My head... I'm not feeling that rested. I must have overslept...?
Why are my ears ticklin--
!?
Wha-?!

Oh-
O-o-oh my gosh --
No no no no no no--
This is a *nightmare!* It's gotta be!
But...
...Nightmare or not...-
I can't stay here. I just *can't!*
I need to get out!
The-there's gotta be a way out... but how?!

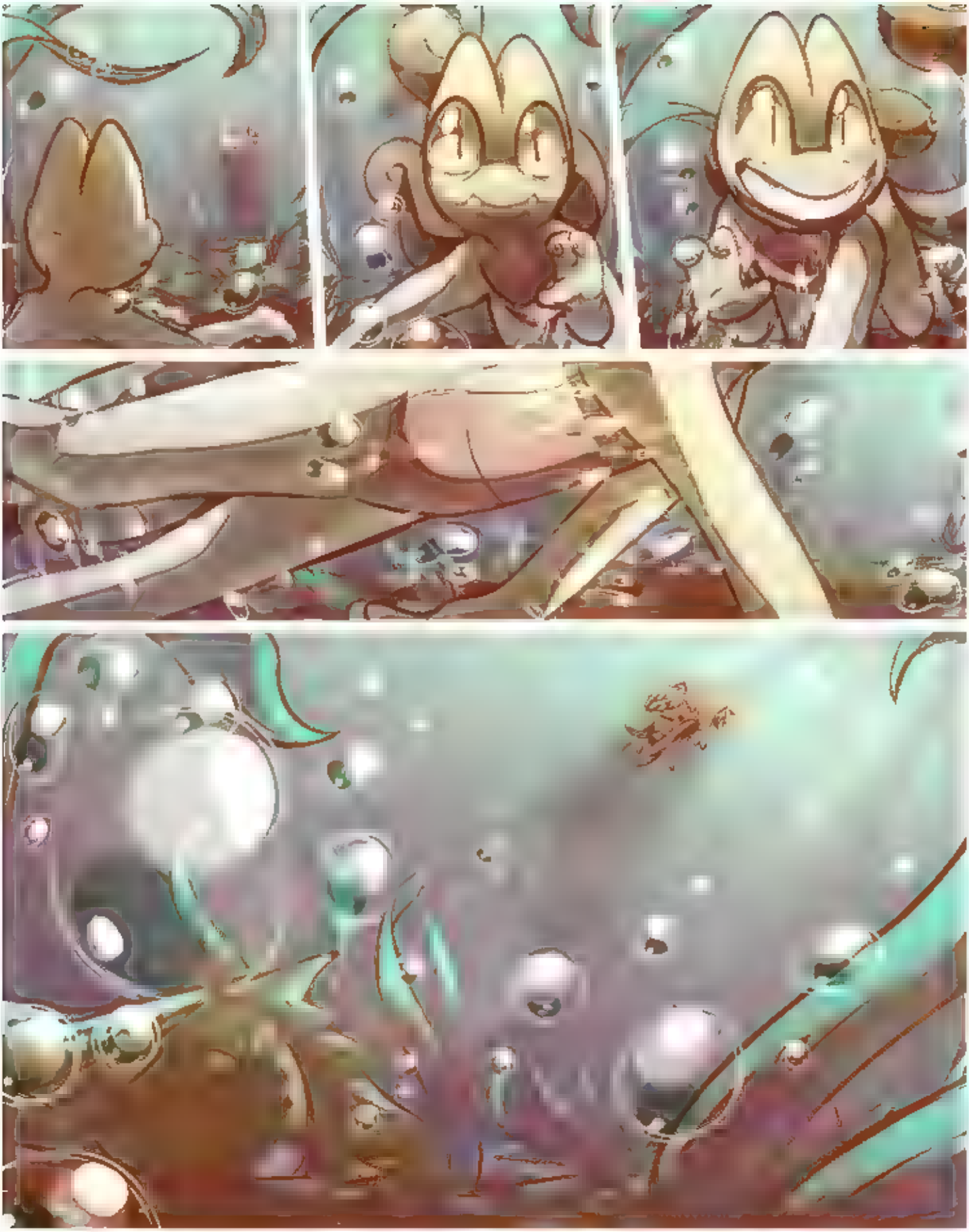
...
...
!
SPLASH
...
...
...
You do know you're a fish, right?
You're supposed to take the bait, not stare at me.

Haha! Very funny. We've got a comedian here.
Listen pal, if you really want to do something as distasteful as going fishing...
...At least use a *real* bait!
Hey, how do you know it's not good if you haven't tried it?
'Sides, if I had a real bait, I woudn't waste it on some low quality fish such as your filthy self.
Your *face* is low quality!
Well dang, for a water dweller you sure lack reflective surfaces at home.
BONK!

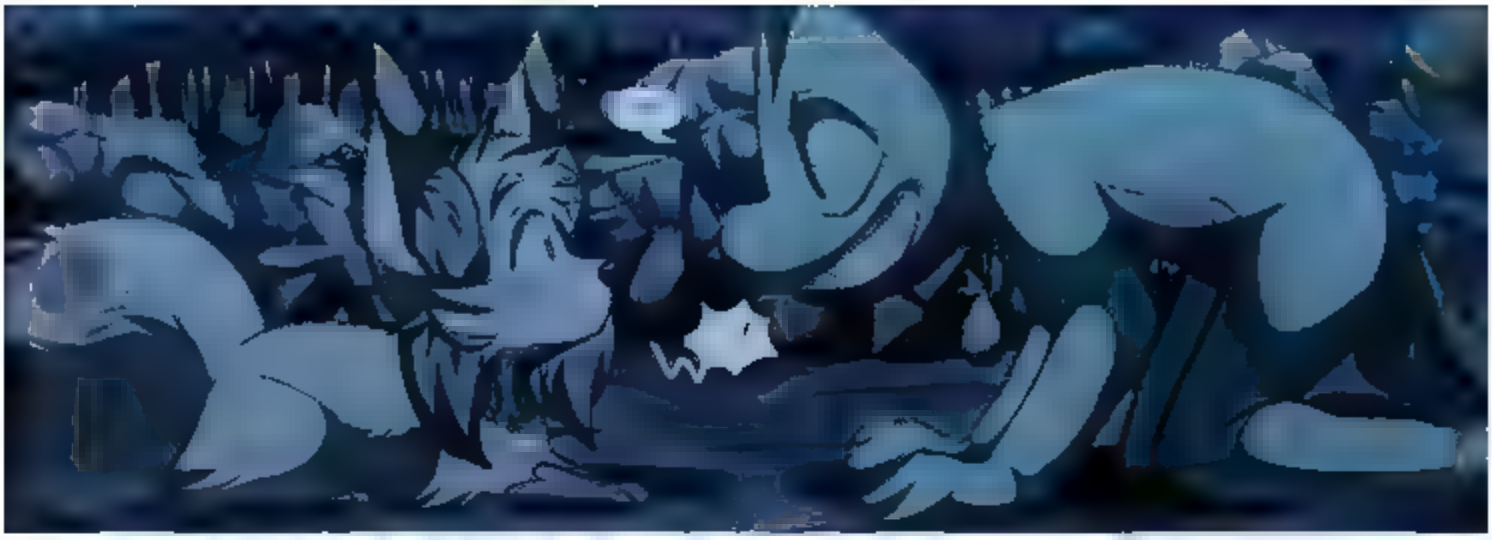
CURSES...!! Freakin'... stupid karp thing...
Ha ha ha
...I'll... get back at you..! ...Just... you wait...
I'm so close! I can even smell it!
Just a little farther now...!
This is weird... Really weird... but it's working!
I can't believe it's working!

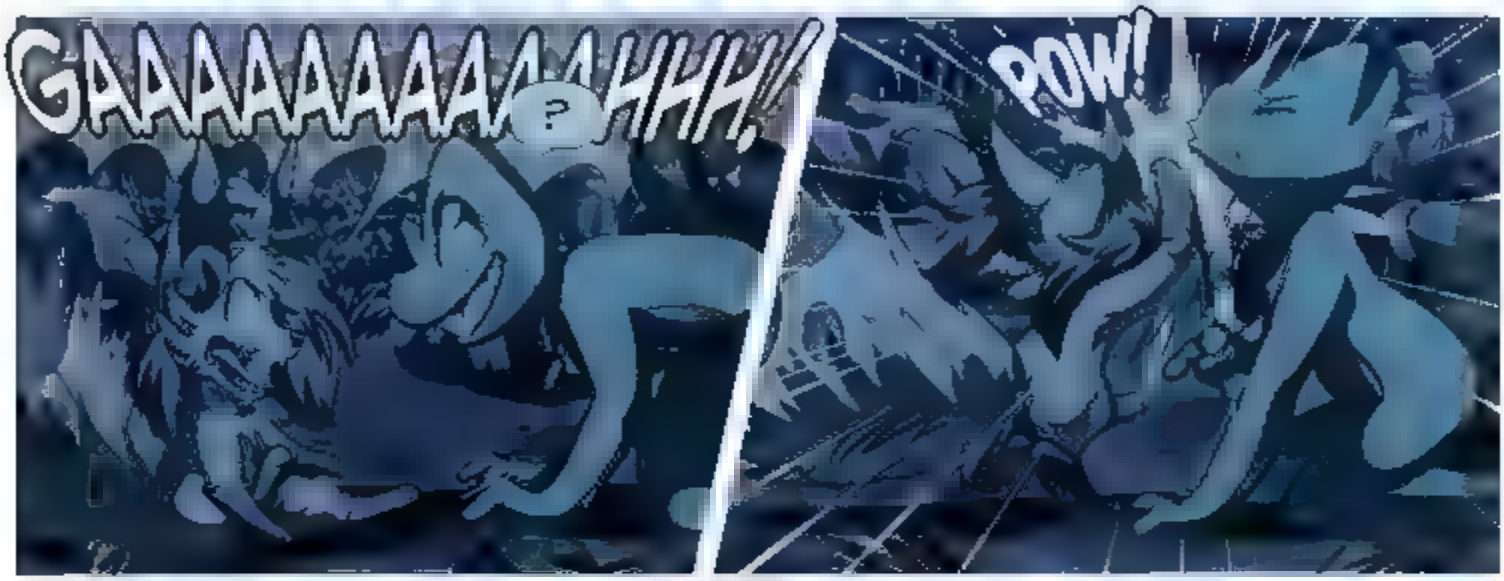
A little more... And-!
POP!
HE--!!

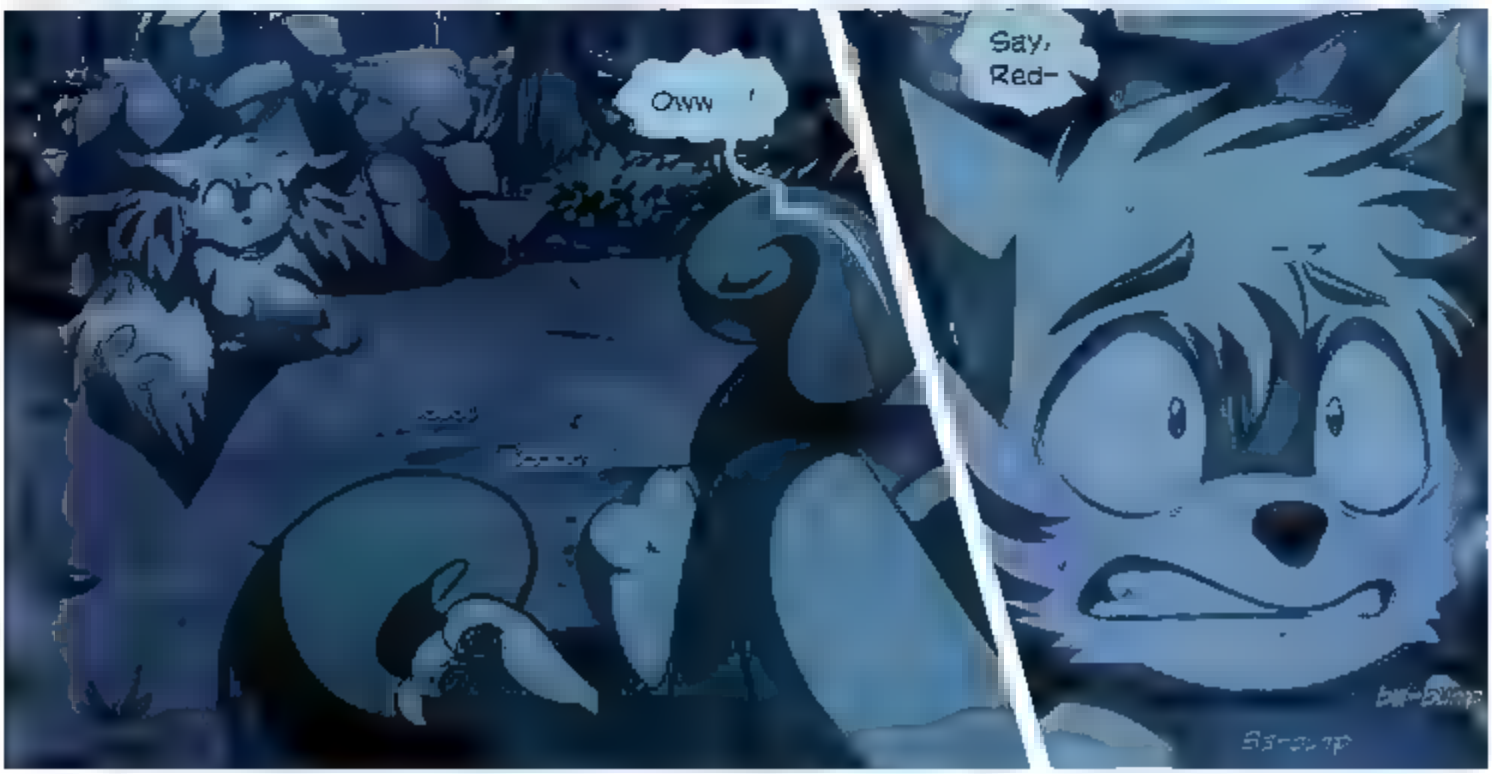
HELP!!
The heck was that??
A call for help? *Here* of all places??
Wait!! wait a minute.
Did that fish get in trouble somehow?
Got in a fight with other fishies?
Stuck between rocks?
Maybe a toothache?
Heh, doesn't matter...
I can't miss my newest enemy's doom!



...It's cold. Did I fall asleep outside?
Eyyyyy!
Heey!
ey ey!
...Where... .Where am I...?
wakey wakey!
I hear... a voice calling to me.
yoo-hoooo
Elooooo?
It's insistent. I wonder who it is?
Rise and shiiiiine...
Ugnh
An you're awake Finally
Good That's good
You know, I was starting to think you were a goner




GAAAAAAAAAA?HHH!
POW!


Owww!
Say, Red-

Is this how you thank people for saving your life?
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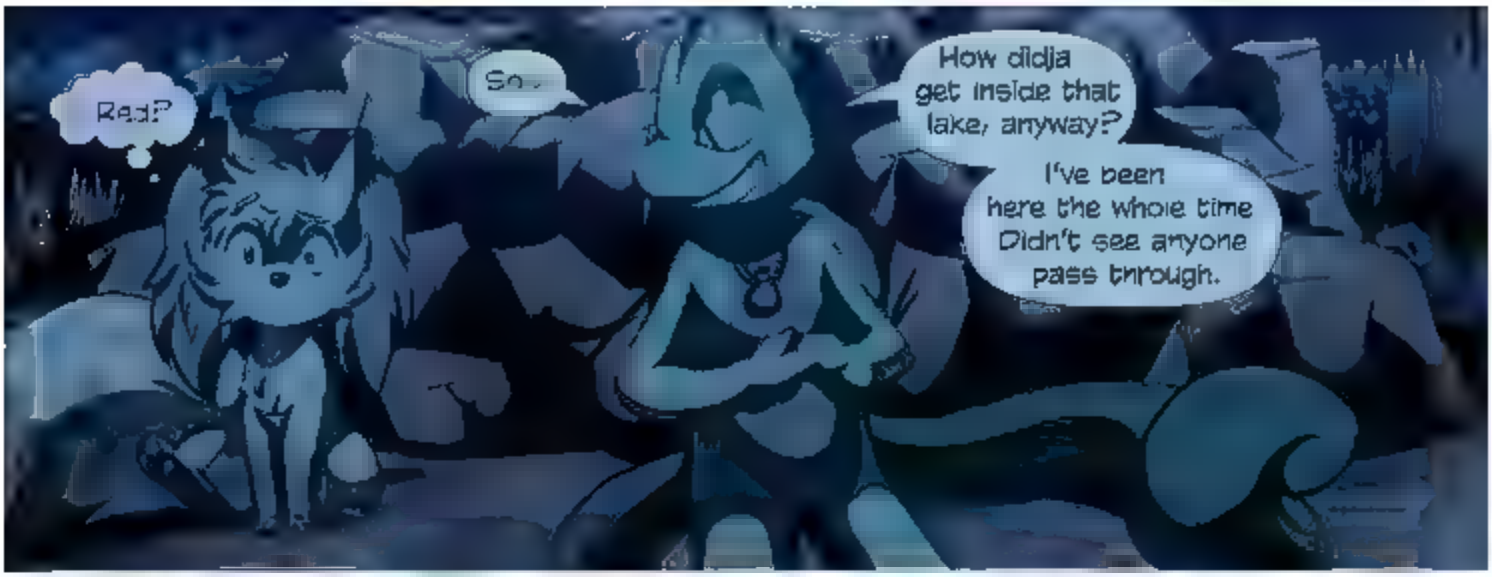
Remind me not to rescue you a second time, then
Oh gosh! Oh my gosh!!
I can't right now-
The giant green lizard talked to me. In words! He really did!
How is that possible??
Where is this?? Where in the world am I??
What am I gonna do??
Is this a dream??
EEK!!
Will you calm down already? I'm not going to hurt you.
Aight, I know, I know, you're scared
Ignorance leads to fear Ain't that what they say?
So I'll enlighten ya Go on, ask away. One at a time.

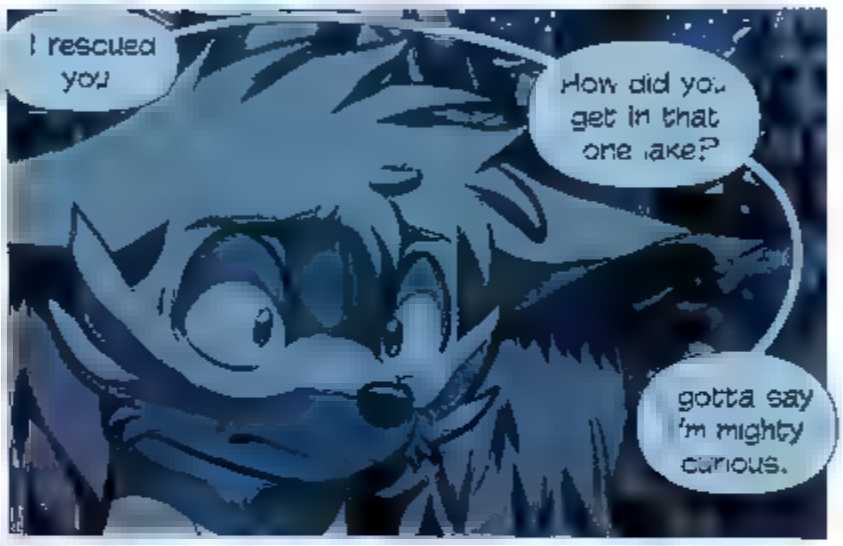
O-okay
.. How .. how can you talk?
??
Most pokemon can
for one have healthy voca folds
Bu-but, that can't be right!
Pokemon don't talk! They, they only make ill' grunts!
???
Then why are you not gruntin' at me right now?
I'm not a, a pokemon!
am a
numa-

AAAAAHHHHHH!!!
Yeahnh, that's a tough pill to swallow.
Wha-What do you mean?!
Humans don't exist anymore.
They haven't for thousands upon thousands of years

Hmgh
There, there
Listen, you you might be confused
It'd be good to take your mind off these issues for now
So why don't we start over?
I'm Tabor. What's your name?
...
E, Erin My name s Erin
Hun Coo name, Red

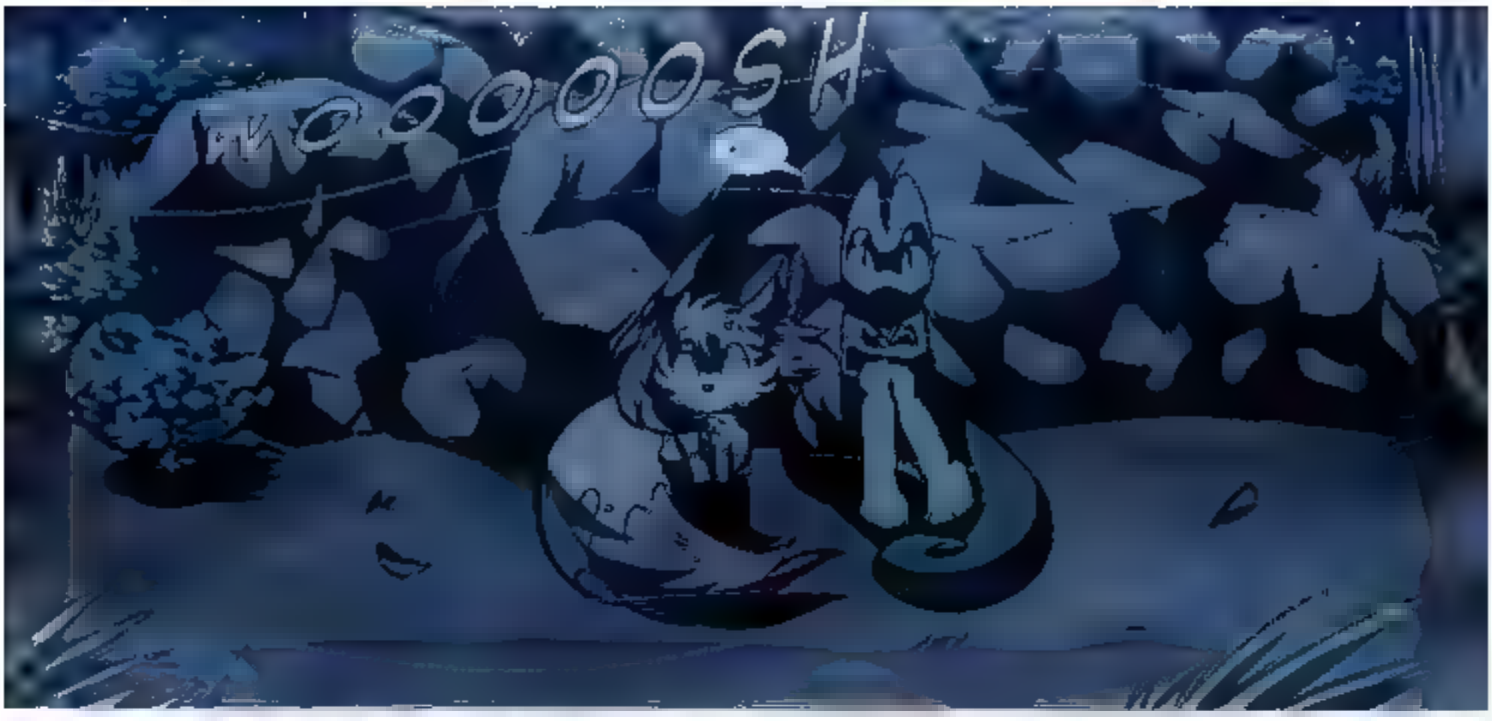

Red?
So...
How didja get inside that lake, anyway?
I've been here the whole time. Didn't see anyone pass through.

Wha What ake?
The one you were drowning in. Right there.
You were spookin' the fish

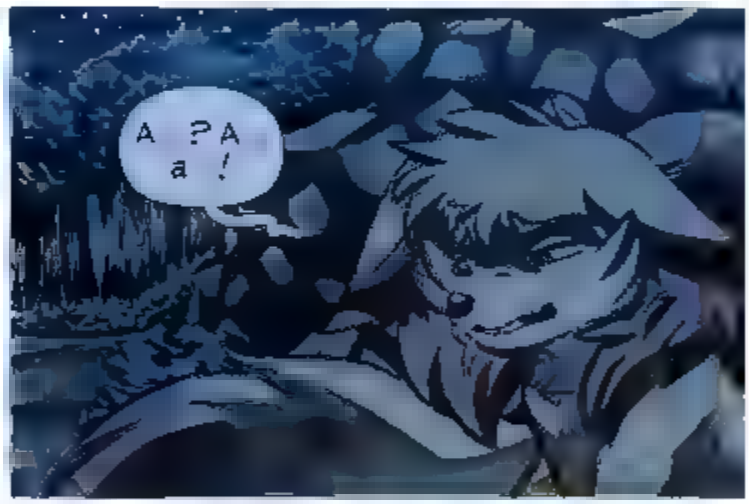

I rescued you
How did you get in that one lake?
gotta say 'm mighty curious.

...Lake...
I know I'm human. I know my name. But . I can't remember...!
I didn't know that from the start. That's the least of my worries.
Family? My hometown? Friends? My birthday?
I can't remember anything.
I can't... I can't remember anything...

Sounds ke amnes a or somethin'
Well, that's a bummer


WOOOOOSH

Red, you're a fire type.
Won't you please make a bonfire? It's gettin' chilly
What?


A ? A
a !

Achoo!!

..
A n't that convenient
I can breathe fire

What does my mom look like?

Do I have any siblings?

Do I even have a mom ?

My blood type? . My address? My relatives ?

Nothing it's all blank. This... can't be normal

Is this even real .?

...It... doesn't feel like a dream *at all*.

And... if humans don't exist anymore, what happened to them?

Why am I here?

...All this overthinking isn't helping.

I need to focus on the present

...this... green pokemon. Tabor . ? He said he saved my life

I didn't even show my gratitude

Ta, Tabor? Tha .. thanks for re, rescuing me.

And, uhh, I'm sorry about the, er, punch.

I wasn't thinking

Water under the bridge.
Don't worry about it

So, Red
!

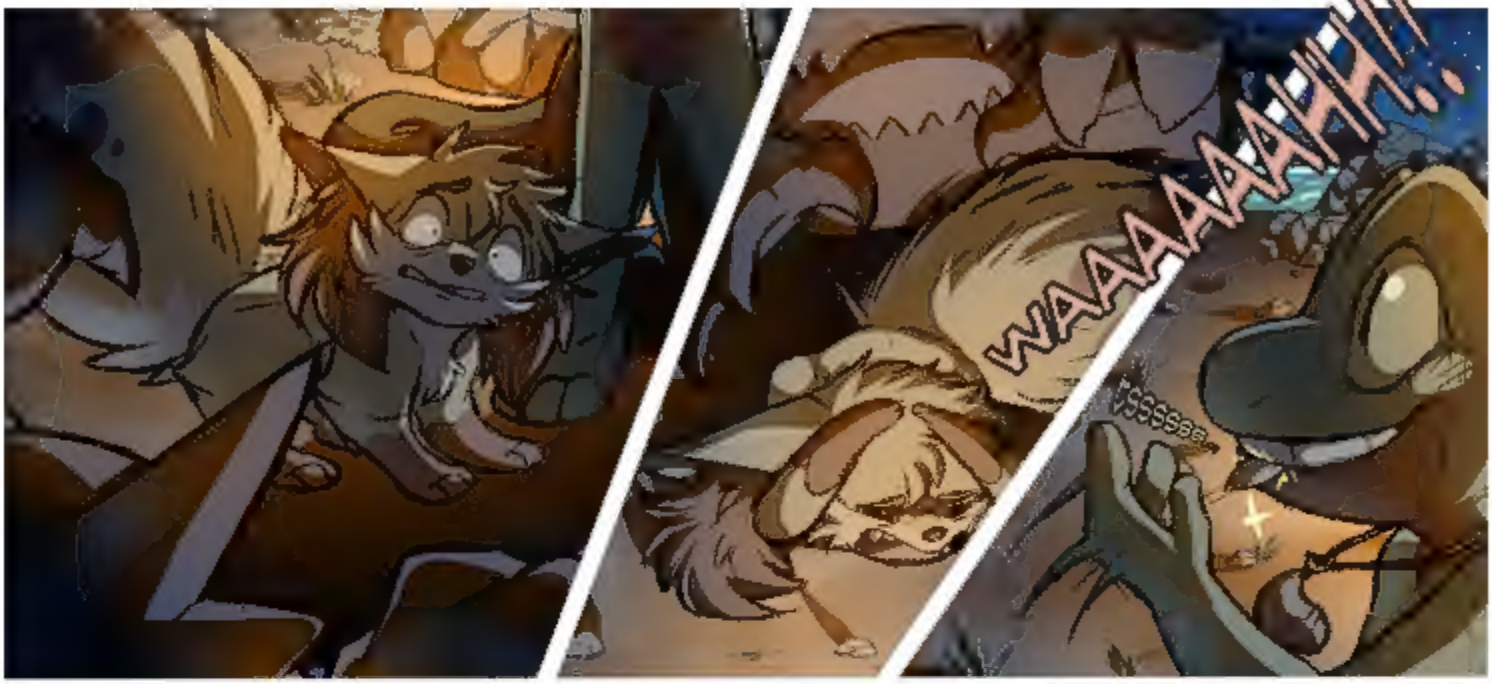
. You woke up n an unfamiliar place without any memories
don't have a place to stay
Whatcha going to do next? You got a plan?

N . not really. .?
This all ha, happened so suddenly
...I, I still, er, I still don't have a clue what I, uh, what I should do .

Today's your lucky day, then
I do

You could stay with me.
My place s roomy enough for two
I also . was thinkin' of lookin' for a partner, anyway
Founding a Rogue team has been in my plans for a while now.
Since you have nowhere to go, then .
Why don't ya join my team, Red?
I could teach you everything about this world and *more*.
and in turn, you lend me a hand to make my team fully operational.
It's a win-win, see?
T thanks for the offer, Ta, Tabor
It's, very kind of you
But.. don't you think tha, that's going, er, a little too fast?
Eh ?
I-, mean-!
You seem to be nice a-and well meaning but, uhn-
I, um, er, I mean, uhn, we-
We just, uh-, we haven't had, er, uhh, time to, u, um .. ch... chat, and, an .
I just think we...

Oh, I get it.
You're wary.
You think I might be dishonest, don't cha?
N-no, that's not what I--
It's fine.
But, if you want a suggestion,
acceptin' my help would be your best option.
I'm an old hand at survival.
Until you learn the ropes, I will keep you safe n' sound.
Cuz, you know, this world has danger crawling at every corner...
...even behind you.


WAAAAAAAHH!!
Vssssss

Inhaale
BOOM!

Sheesh! You people are no fun!
It was just a prank, bro!
W-What the heck was that?!
Haunter. Ghost-type pokemon. That guy's idea of a prank is licking you. Then you shake violently until you die.
See what I mean?
This ain't a safe world to live in.
Having a partner would make things much easier for you!
So what do you say? Will you join my team?
...
.....
I was going to say yes from the start, but...
.....
...I guess I can get to know him better later.
Still...
All right. I'll join you.
O, on one condition, though.

Which is...?
If we're going to be a team...
...t-then, you... You have to, to help me get my, my memories back!
That's all? Sure, why not.
So that's settled.
Starting tomorrow, let's help each other out.
We'll get outta here first thing in the morning,
For now, it's... been a long day, don'tcha think?
so we'd better get a good night's sleep.
Aaaagreed...
Welcome aboard, Red.
You ain't gonna regret it.
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